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Ottawa -- The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been selected as Host Broadcaster for the annual Summit of the seven major industrialized countries, to be held in Toronto from June 19 to 21, 1988.

This was announced by J.A. Doucet, Ambassador and Chairman of the Organizing Committee for International Summits.

The Economic Summit brings together the Heads of State or Government of Canada, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Also, the President of the Commission of the European Communities will participate in discussions of matters within the Commission's jurisdiction.

The Economic Summit meetings began in 1975 on the initiative of the President of France and have taken place yearly since then.

The CBC's role as Host Broadcaster will be to supply live pictures and sound of the Summit's public events to both domestic and foreign broadcasters. In addition, the Host Broadcaster will provide equipment and personnel to coordinate international broadcast coverage of the Summit meetings. Two television studios, ten radio studios, along with a radio/television master control and other production services will be made available for the Toronto Summit.

Canada first hosted the Economic Summit in 1981, and the Corporation is pleased to have been selected again to provide Host Broadcaster services. Responsibility for the services falls to the CBC's Host Broadcaster Unit, which is managed by David Knapp, Executive Director. This group provided similar services for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Vancouver last October, the 1987 Papal Visit to Fort Simpson, the Pope's cross-country visit in 1984 and Expo 86 in Vancouver.

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